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### PROCLAMATION

One year before the end of the Civil War a son was born to slave parents. By his own efforts and genius, he rose to become one of the greatest scientists and benefactors of mankind in the history of human progress. He lived to exemplify and personify the contribution of the Negro race to American democracy. In thousands of homes today, especially in the South, people are healthier, happier and better off because of that son of slave parents, George Washington Carver.

From the clays of the State of Alabama, this internationally famed scientist fashioned pigments, paints, powders, and stains. From the humble peanut, he brought forth three hundred products, including plastics, paper, flour, milk, cream, and cheese. From another great Southern product, the sweet potato, he obtained one hundred and eighteen products, including starch, tapioca, mock coconut, and flour.

He made paving blocks from cotton - and insulation boards, cordage and paper; artificial marble from wood shavings; from feed sacks, beautiful wall hangings. Decades ago he showed the South how to cook, dry and preserve food stuffs. In his spare time -- he arose daily at four a.m. -- he painted in oil and developed hundreds of needlework patterns. To the fields and farms of the South, he applied the almost magic possibilities of chemistry. To the region of his birth and life, he showed how chemistry could alleviate the menace of one-crop agriculture.

His rise from slavery to a position of excellence in scientific achievement and production of such impressive benefits for mankind is an inspiring example of results of a representative constitutional system of government based upon the premise that all men are created equal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Q. Sharps, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the period from January 5 to 12, 1947, as

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER WEEK

and I urge all the people of South Dakota to join in paying tribute to the memory of that great American.

(Great Seal)

ATTEST:

Mr. L. M. Larson  
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota to be affixed, this 21st day of December, 1946.

M. Q. Sharps  
Governor